

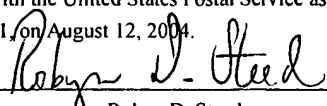


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Satoshi INOUE

Serial No.: 10/734,376

Filing Date: December 11, 2003

For: KEYBOARD MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
HAVING KEYS REGULATED WITH
STABLE KEY BALANCE PIECES AND
PROCESS FOR FABRICATING KEYS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 2837

STATUS REQUEST

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Dear Sir:

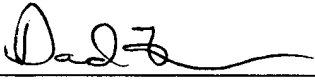
The above-referenced patent application was filed on December 11, 2003. Applicant has not yet received an action from the Patent Office. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a status report as to when he may expect to receive an Office Action in the above-identified application.

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